

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

9/27/12
Austin Water Utility

SUBJECT. Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with CH2M HILL, INC., or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation CLMP109, to provide Professional Services for the Walnut Creek WWTP Secondary Process Improvements project with an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Water Utility
Project Name:	
Fund/Department/Unit:	4570 2307 8733
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Current Appropriation:	1,535,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,500,375.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(1,500,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>375.00</u>
Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>1,500,000.00</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Since 2007, Walnut Creek WWTP has faced increasing difficulty in maintaining a stable, reliable process in all secondary treatment trains due to aging equipment and changing influent characteristics, particularly an increasingly significant alkalinity deficit. The selected consultant will perform engineering services for the evaluation and subsequent improvements to the activated sludge complex (aeration basins, secondary clarifiers, and chlorine contact basins) at the plant. Proposed improvements generally include the evaluation and potential replacement/rehabilitation of various components and will focus on how to best rehabilitate the activated sludge complex to meet current and future regulatory requirements. Anticipated services include preliminary engineering, final design, construction phase, and warranty phase.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.90% African American; 9.00% Hispanic; 4.90% Asian/Native; and 15.80% WBE. The recommended and alternate firm provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 358 firms on April 27, 2012. The RFQ was obtained by 114 firms, and 8 firms submitted qualification statements. None of the firms were certified M/WBE firms.

RECOMMENDED FIRM: CH2M HILL, INC.
ALTERNATE FIRM: CP&Y, INC.